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Application No. 09/705/838

Claim Amendments

1. (currently amended) An adhesive tape comprising a substrate and an adhesive layer formed on at least one side of the substrate, wherein the substrate comprises an olefin polymer and a flame retardant, but substantially no halogen atom, and the adhesive tape has a thermal deformation at 100°C of not more than 65%,

wherein the olefin polymer comprises the following Component A and Component B:

Component A: a thermoplastic resin having a carbonyl oxygen atom in the molecular skeleton;

Component B: a propylene/ethylene copolymer obtained by multi-step polymerization involving two or more steps;

wherein the Component A is an ethylene copolymer or a metal salt thereof, having a melting point of not more than 120°C, which is obtained by polymerizing a vinyl ester compound, or an α , β -unsaturated carboxylic acid or a derivative thereof, or the vinyl ester compound and the α , β -unsaturated carboxylic acid or a derivative thereof, and

wherein the Component B has a dynamic storage modulus (E') at 23°C of not less than 200 MPa and less than 400 MPa, a dynamic storage modulus (E') at 80°C of not less than 40 MPa and less than 180 MPa, and a dynamic storage modulus (E') at 120°C of not less than 12 MPa and less than 70 MPa.

2. (original) The adhesive tape of claim 1, which has an elongation at break of not less than 150% at a tension speed of 300 mm/min.

3.-6. (canceled)

7. (currently amended) The adhesive tape of claim 3-1, wherein the Component A and the Component B are mixed at a weight ratio (A:B) of 1:9 - 8:2.

8. (previously presented) The adhesive tape of claim 1, wherein the flame retardant is added in an amount of 20 - 200 parts by weight per 100 parts by weight of the olefin polymer.

9. (previously presented) The adhesive tape of claim 1, wherein the flame retardant is a metal hydroxide.

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10. (previously presented) The adhesive tape of claim 1, which has a dynamic storage modulus (E') at 80°C of not less than 25 MPa and a dynamic storage modulus (E') at 120°C of not less than 10 MPa.

11. (previously presented) The adhesive tape of claim 1, wherein the substrate is not crosslinked during or after a forming process thereof.

12. (currently amended) A substrate for an adhesive tape, which comprises an olefin polymer and a flame retardant, but substantially no halogen atom, wherein the olefin polymer comprises the following Component A and Component B:

Component A: a thermoplastic resin having a carbonyl oxygen atom in the molecular skeleton;

Component B: a propylene/ethylene copolymer obtained by multi-step polymerization involving two or more steps;

wherein the Component A is an ethylene copolymer or a metal salt thereof, having a melting point of not more than 120°C, which is obtained by polymerizing a vinyl ester compound, or an α , β -unsaturated carboxylic acid or a derivative thereof, or the vinyl ester compound and the α , β -unsaturated carboxylic acid or a derivative thereof, and

wherein the Component B has a dynamic storage modulus (E') at 23°C of not less than 200 MPa and less than 400 MPa, a dynamic storage modulus (E') at 80°C of not less than 40 MPa and less than 180 MPa, and a dynamic storage modulus (E') at 120°C of not less than 12 MPa and less than 70 MPa.

13.-15. (canceled)

16. (original) The substrate of claim 12, wherein the Component A and the Component B are mixed at a weight ratio (A:B) of 1:9 - 8:2.

17. (original) The substrate of claim 12, wherein the flame retardant is added in an amount of 20 - 200 parts by weight per 100 parts by weight of the olefin polymer.

18. (original) The substrate of claim 12, wherein the flame retardant is a metal hydroxide.

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19. (original) The substrate of claim 12, which has a dynamic storage modulus (E') at 80°C of not less than 25 MPa and a dynamic storage modulus (E') at 120°C of not less than 10 MPa.

20. (original) The substrate of claim 12, which is not crosslinked during or after a forming process thereof.